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SUBJ: CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL SITREP MR I, X PLUS 67, APRIL 5, 1973

1. SECURITY SITUATION:

INCIDENTS FELL TO 19, OF WHICH 16 WERE ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF) AND
3 WERE GROUND ATTACKS. FIRST DIVISION, NORTHWEST OF HUE, CON-
TINUED TO BE MAJOR TARGET OF ENEMY ACTIONS. IT RECEIVED 11 OF THE
ABFS WITH 149 ARTILLERY AND 905 MORTAR ROUNDS, PLUS ONE GROUND
ATTACK, MOSTLY IN 3 RD REGIMENT AO. CORPS- WIDE, CASUALTIES WERE:
FRIENDLY 6 KIA (4 IN FIRST DIVISION) AND 50 WIA; ENEMY 23 KIA.
FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED A TOTAL OF 1,670 ROUNDS; 1,311 NORTH OF
THE HAI VAN PASS, 359 SOUTH.

2. AN QUANG ATTITUDES:

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DURING A VISIT TO HOME OF CONGEN POLOFF MARCH 30, SENIOR DANANG AN QUANG BONZE THICH HANH DAO NOTED THAT THE AQBO IS PARALLELING ITS ATTEMPTS TO GAIN THE RELEASE OF BUDDHISTS IMPRISONED BY THE GVN WITH CONVERSATIONS THROUGH THICH NHAT HANH IN PARIS WITH DRV AND PRG REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE RETURN OF THOSE BONZES AND LAY-MEN CAPTURED BY THE COMMUNISTS. THESE INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS HAD ACHIEVED LITTLE SUCCESS, HANH DAO WENT ON, LARGELY BECAUSE OF " THE STUBBORN AND DIFFICULT NATURE OF THE COMMUNISTS." HANH DAO STATED THAT THE AQBO FOUND IT MUCH EASIER TO DEAL WITH THE THIEU ADMINISTRATION IN SAIGON THAN THE DRV AND PRG IN PARIS. HANH DAO ADDED THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE ANNOYANCE WITHIN THE HIERARCHY THAT PRG REPRESENTATIVE MADAME NGUYEN THI BINH HAD BELITTLED AN QUANG IN STATEMENTS TO THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY HER CLAIMS THAT " AN QUANG HAS ONLY A FEW THOUSAND FOLLOWERS IN ALL OF VIETNAM."

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